

**Remarks**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the title of the invention has been changed so as to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. As a result, withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Further, the abstract has been reviewed and revised to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. These revisions address the objection to the abstract. No new matter has been added. As a result, withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

Further, it is noted that the copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted on December 1, 2004 and returned with the Office Action fails to include the Examiner's initials next to each of the references cited therein. As result, a new copy of the form PTO-1449 is included herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a completely initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

Claims 1-15 have been allowed. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there our issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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